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SUBJECT: STOPOVER OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER IN MADRID

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN BRIEF STOPOVER IN MADRID JUNE 27, PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES MET WITH SPANISH FONMIN CORTINA. SOARES TOLD PRESS MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS SHOULD ACQUIRE MORE GLOBAL CHARACTER BEYOND SCOPE OF IBERIAN PACT. SOARES ALSO ATTENDED DINNER JUNE 23 HOSTED BY SPANISH OPPOSITION LEADERS BUT CHARACTERIZED HIS PRESENCE AS IN HIS CAPACITY AS SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER. ALTHOUGH BILATERAL RELATIONS APPEAR TO BE IN GOOD ORDER, SOARES' APPARENT INTENTION TO USE DUAL ROLE IN RELATIONS WITH SPAIN MIGHT LEAD TO COMPLICATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES MADE BRIEF STOPOVER IN MADRID JUNE 27 ENROUTE FROM BURSSLS TO LISBON. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL ACCOUNT, STOPOVER WAS DUE TO CLOSURE OF LISBON AIRPORT WHICH NECESSITATED LANDING IN MADRID, WHENCE SOARES PORCEDEED BY RAIL TO LISBON.

2. DURING STOPOVER SOARES PAID CALL ON SPANISH FONMIN CORTINA WITH WHOM HE HELD 75-MINUTE MEETING. SOARES

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SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD PRESS THAT MEETING HAD BEEN "INTERESTING

AND CORDIAL" AND THAT IT WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE VIEWS OF CORTINA WITH RESPECT TO EUROPE. ON ISSUE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS SOARES TOLD CORRESPONDENT OF "LA VANGUARDIA" THAT "IBERIAN PACT IS AN INSTRUMENT OF THE PAST WITH IDEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS". IN HIS VIEW RELATIONS SHOULD BE MORE GLOBAL IN CHARACTER AND INCLUDE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND TECHNICAL AREAS. HE TOLD THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE LOGOS PRESS AGENCY WHOM HE RECEIVED AT EMBASSY, THAT PORTUGAL NEEDED AID FROM EUROPE AND "OF COURSE SPAIN TOO" IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

3. SOARES SAID NO SPANIARDS HAD BEEN IMPLICATED IN DEATH OF HUMBERTO DELGADO. GOP HAD IDENTITY OF TWO PEOPLE INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION WHO WERE NOT IN SPAIN AND HAD ALREADY ARRESTED SOME WHO HAD CONFESSED.

4. RE INTERNAL PORTUGUESE SITUATION, SOARES TOLD PRESS THAT ECONOMIC SITUATION WAS VERY BAD AND WITH 50 PERCENT OF PORTUGUESE BUDGET DEVOTED TO EXPENDITURES FOR WAR IN AFRICA, IT WAS INDISPENSABLE TO END WAR IF ECONOMY WAS TO PROSPER. HE REFERRED TO NECESSITY OF HIS PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL TO ASSIST IN PROMOTION OF POLITICAL PARTIES, ESPECIALLY INASMUCH AS HE WAS SECRETARY OF SOCIALIST PARTY.

5. ASKED ABOUT DECOLONIZATION SOARES SAID "PROCESS OF PACIFICATION IS COMPLEX AND LONG AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE VIET-NAM PEACE NEGOTIATIONS". HE SAID THAT GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO REACH AN AGREEMENT PROMPTLY.

6. COMMENT: THIS WAS FIRST HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN SPANISH AND POST-CAETONAO PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS APART FROM MEETING IN LONDON BETWEEN SOARES AND SPANISH AMB FRAGA IRIBARNE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. NEW GOS AMB TO PORTUGAL IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE JULY 1. SOARES, AS HE HAD DONE EARLIER, HAS AGAIN REFERRED TO ANTIQUATED CHARACTER OF IBERIAN PACT AS BASIS FOR CURRENT PORTUGUESE/ SPANISH RELATIONS. IT IS LIKELY THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN CHANGING BASIS FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS TO ENLARGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR SCOPE BUT MORE PARTUCULARLY TO ELIMINATE UNDESIRABLE IMPLICATION ENGENDERED BY AGREEMENT SIGNED IN EARLY 40'S BETWEEN TWO FASCIST REGIMES.

7. EMBASSY HAS NOTED THAT SOARES MADE BRIEF APPEARANCE JUNE 23 TOGETHER WITH PORTUGUESE MINISTERS OF JUSTICE, SOCIAL COMMUNICATION AND MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO DA MOURA AT DINNER HOSTED BY LEADERS OF SPANISH OPPOSITION AND

SUPPORTERS OF DON JUAN'S MONARCHICAL CAUSE. SOARES, ACCORDING TO ACCOUNT IN "LA VANGUARDIA" JUN 25, TOLD SPANIARDS THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE CORDIAL AND THAT AT NO MOMENT HAD THERE BEEN ANY INTERFERENCE ON THE PART OF SPAIN IN PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS SINCE APR 25. SOARES WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY, HE HAD RELATIONS WITH SPANISH SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS AND THAT WAS SIGNIFICANCE WHICH HE INTENDED BY HIS PRESENCE AT DINNER. IN EMBASSY VIEW, SOARES INTENDS TO PLAY DOUBLE ROLE AS PROTAGONIST OF WIDER BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH FRANCO REGIME AND AT SAME TIME, IN HIS PARTY CAPACITY, AS WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORTER OF SPANISH OPPOSITION. BUILT-IN CONTRADICTION OF THESE ROLES MIGHT LEAD TO COMPLICATIONS IN EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.
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